



# COVID-19 UPDATE

COVID-19 Information from the SA Health GP Liaison

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Quick evening update! Thank you for all that you're doing. Any issues, please email me at [Health.COVID-19GPLiaison@sa.gov.au](mailto:Health.COVID-19GPLiaison@sa.gov.au)

### **COVID-19 WEBINAR Update TOMORROW for SA GPs – 22/7/20**

Adelaide PHN, in conjunction with SA Health, SA Pathology, the RACGP and AMA(SA), will be holding a live webinar on Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> July at 6pm ACST. The webinar, facilitated by Dr Emily Kirkpatrick, will provide an update on COVID-19 here in SA, with guest speakers Dr Louise Flood, Dr Tom Dodd, Dr Chris Moy and Dr Jenni Goold. Login at 6pm for the Q&A live stream! Register [here](#).

### **COVID-19 testing options**

SA Health's COVID-19 testing clinics are currently experiencing an increase in waiting times. Please consider referring your patients to one of the drive through clinics at ACL, Clinpath or SA Pathology. In addition, the GP-led Respiratory Clinics are available for all ages, without referral, with an easy online booking system. Find more information on testing options and requirements at [www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/covidtesting](http://www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/covidtesting).

### **Mobile COVID-19 testing services**

SA Pathology is boosting COVID-19 testing services near the Victorian border in response to the outbreak. Four new mobile collection services provide flexibility, by taking testing to communities that don't currently have access to a clinic. They can also respond to hotspots and outbreaks, as required. Mobile services are currently in operation at Tailem Bend from 8am to 4pm, with no GP referral needed. Bordertown, Mt Gambier and Yamba mobile testing services are being utilised specifically for travellers entering SA from Victoria.

### **GP positions available at CDCB**

SA Health is recruiting GPs to work on a casual basis who have an interest in Public Health and Communicable Disease Control Branch (CDCB) work, and have past experience/training in Public Health. This is part of CDCB's plan to have a surge workforce capacity during COVID-19. General practitioners are highly skilled and SA Health acknowledges that many GPs may already have expertise or training

in public health. This role would require the GP to be involved with COVID-19 management and be part of the public health clinician team. It is expected that the GP would have the capacity to work at least 0.5 FTE if surge workforce is required.

A one-day training course in public health to be held on Saturday 1 August 2020 (TBC) to provide basic upskilling and up to one-week (not consecutive days) supervised training within the public health team.

Essential criteria:

- Bachelor of Medicine; Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) or equivalent, Appropriate Specialist Qualifications, such as FRACGP or FACRRM, and registrable with the Medical Board of South Australia as a Medical Practitioner with Specialist registration.
- Previous public health / infectious disease experience.

Ideally this role would suit someone who has an MPH and has an interest in public health work, in particular, COVID-19.

Please email a brief CV detailing your public health experience to [Emily.kirkpatrick@sa.gov.au](mailto:Emily.kirkpatrick@sa.gov.au) by COB Friday 24 July 2020. All applications will be kept confidential and will be discussed internally with Dr Louise Flood (CDCB Director) and Dr Ann Koehler to determine suitability.

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